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The John Doe Times is an on-line, electronic newsletter devoted to the Oklahoma City bombing conspiracy published by the 1st Alabama Cavalry Regiment (Constitutional Militia) and friends. Letters to the editor may be directed to Mo10Cav@aol.com or sent snail mail to P.O. Box 926, Pinson, AL 35126.

Our Motto: Sic Semper Rodentia.

"NO PURPLE HEARTS, NO VICTORY PARADES."

JOHN DOE TIMES RESUMES PUBLICATION.

"Back in the saddle again,
Out where the Injun's yer friend.
Where the vegetables are green,
(And you can pee right into the stream)--
Back in the saddle again."
-- Firesign Theatre, 1970
(With apologies to Gene Autry)

"Keep the Purple Heart, Doc. Just Gimme the Aspirin." -- Willy the "dogface soljer"
in a Bill Mauldin cartoon, 1943.

Well, confounding the odds we, the walking wounded of 1ACR, are staggering back to the firing line with this issue of The John Doe Times...back to the "main line of resistance" or "MLR" as they called it in the Korean War...where good and evil swap bursts of truth and lies in the never-ending struggle for the soul, and future, of this country.

The JDT's persistent hardware and software problems are not yet solved, and we lack the means to solve them. We continue to struggle with a seriously deflated purse-- we are running out of room on the website and need to get a new, and larger (and more expensive) address.

Members of the JDT staff and their families have been battered more than a bit by Illnesses great and small for a couple of months now. Sickneses of the body were compounded by viruses of the spirit. Working a frenetic, overtime schedule at my day job has not protected me from being placed on 90 days "probation" at work after five years on the job-- this time they appear serious in their intention to fire me. My supervisors deny that politics has anything to do with my impending dismissal, yet they were careful to place a copy of the George magazine article in my file.

There was a time when I considered chucking the whole thing-- JDT, the Constitutional Militia movement, et al-- and returning to the semi-normal life of husband, father and researcher/writer of forgotten military campaigns. But with God's help (and a few home-truths spoken by a couple of friends) we have all more or less recovered both our health and our morale.

While the JDT was off-line, many happenings great and small in the OKC story occurred, and we are going to fill you in on those with "back issues" of Volume Five, that you will be receiving over the next couple of weeks. While this will be old news

to most of you, it will be for the record on our website as much as anything else, so as to give future readers a seamless narrative of events.

In truth, it is easy to get discouraged after a week like we've just been through. The exclusion of Carol Howe's testimony in Denver, the sweetheart deal afforded Brescia as part of what seems to be a concerted effort by the Feds to avoid any A.R.A. trial in Philadelphia, the attacks on Rep. Charles Key by the Oklahoma Political Mafia-- all of these make getting at the truth of Oklahoma City that much more difficult.

In addition, there have been two stories largely ignored by the media that the Feds haven't said so much as a whisper about, that (I am told by sources) may have a "John Doe" angle to them. The first was the heist of an armored car several weeks ago in Florida. An inside job by an employee with "racist beliefs" according to one report, it netted \$21 million dollars to the thief, who just happened to have dumped the empty armored car almost in Kirk Lyon's backyard in North Carolina. The largest armored car heist ever, there has been precious little publicity on it. Are the Feds interested in capturing the guy, or not?

The second non-story is the fact that after the arson-fire of the IRS building in Colorado at the start of the McVeigh trial, the letters "A.R.A." were found spraypainted on an interior wall by fire investigators. While this was reported by a local TV station at the time, the Feds and local authorities charged with investigating this arson aren't saying a word to reporters about the case (according to one reporter I talked to who had been rebuffed). Was this a message to Tim McVeigh? Or was it a message to the Feds? In any case, I think we can conclude that there's another ARA cell out there.

Why is it, I wonder, that the Feds react to the mention of the letters ARA like Count Dracula does to a Crucifix? Why is it that a petite young woman named Carol Howe, who could have told the OKC jury much about the ARA, frightens them to death? How will they express that fear, with her own trial drawing ever closer?

So, the coverup continues. In the Constitutional Militia movement, this latest series of reverses plays into the hands of the hard-liners and provocateurs. "Why do you waste your time working for political or judicial solutions?" they opine-- "In the end there will always be a fix. The system will always be perverted to act in the interests of the powerful. You cannot hope for a political solution. Prepare for civil war."

While I do not yet subscribe to this theory it is getting more difficult to make the argument against it. Prominent militia leaders, among them J.J. Johnson of Ohio, have recently departed the movement in despair. This is unfortunate, for to do so abdicates

responsibility and leaves the stage to the government paid provocateurs and unpaid, sincere whackos.

At the nadir of my spirits recently, I had a meeting with a couple of men I greatly respect who have been working at this game of saving the Republic at lot longer than I have. I let them know, for I could scarcely hide it, that I was disheartened by events. Their reaction was one of a drill sergeant to the recruit who can't quite make it over the obstacle-- "Move it, troop, or die!"

What did I expect, they asked, when I got into this? What did I think I was getting into? This is a war-- a war for the heart and soul of America. It is a war that has been going on since the before the Republic was founded in blood and fire, and will continue after it is gone. It is a war between right and wrong, good and evil, justice vs. privilege and power. Thus has it always been, thus will it always be. I have long said that to each generation of Americans along with the rights and privileges that were our birthright, came the task of defeating the tyrannies of their day. Well, they asked, did I believe it or not?

There are too few of the good guys, they pointed out, for any of us to quit and go home. "Take an R&R;," they said, "but no one goes home from THIS conflict after 365 days in country." The difference here is, we're "in country" all the time. "There are no Purple Hearts awarded in this conflict," they said, "No victory parades. It goes on and on until you die when you can rest knowing you've passed the torch (and the rifle) to the next generation."

Corny, maybe. But it worked. The John Doe Times will continue publication. As for me, I will continue to serve the Republic and to defend her Constitution as best I can. For I am an American, and such responsibility comes with the job description. If you want to join us up on the MLR, you're welcome. Just pick an empty foxhole. The fight is in progress, and the issue is in doubt.

-- Mike Vanderboegh, 1 ACR

Editor, The John Doe Times.

"Those who make peaceful change impossible, make violent change inevitable."

A MESSAGE TO CAROL HOWE FROM THE JDT:

Carol, we have been getting a number of "fan mail" messages and media interview requests to pass on to you. Let us know where we can forward them.

Thanks,

All the Boys and Girls at the John Doe Times.

FREE!! FREE!! FREEH!! FREEH!! FREE!! FREE!!

A John Doe Times Official Ball Cap (as seen in the May issue of George magazine) will be given to the first FBI Special Agent or U.S. Attorney who provides us with a copy of the photograph of Judge Matsch and his goat, that led to his decision to exclude the testimony of Carol Howe.

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THE McCURTAIN (OKLA.) GAZETTE

J.D. CASH'S STORY ON THE CAROL HOWE TESTIMONY REJECTION--

By J.D. Cash

Denver-- The defense may have experienced both its biggest win and its worst defeat Monday in the trial of Timothy McVeigh.

The win came in testimony that casts serious doubts on the credibility of the FBI crime lab.

The defeat was U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch's ruling that former ATF informant Carol Howe will not be allowed to testify.

In a closed-door session that reportedly lasted some 50 minutes, lawyers for the Justice Department and for McVeigh argued the legal intricacies of putting the government's own informant on the stand.

At the same time the pre-trial conference was taking place, a Lear jet was winging its way to an airstrip outside of Denver with the former beauty queen and BATF undercover informant, guarded by a contingent of United States Marshals.

But by the time the jet had landed, Judge Matsch had made his decision. He barred Howe's testimony from the ears of the jury selected to decide the case.

Howe's attorney, Clark Brewster, had arrived in Denver several days ago, and when he learned of the decision, he held a press conference outside the courthouse.

Under sunny skies, Brewster told reporters that had his client been allowed to testify, she was prepared to tell the court that there were several persons involved in the planning of a bombing of a federal building in Oklahoma City.

Those persons, Brewster said, were residents of a far-right religious cult that Howe had infiltrated for the BATF.

Although no reason was given to the public on how Judge Matsch arrived at his ruling to bar Howe's testimony, Brewster told reporters that he suspected the judge might have been convinced her testimony "might have confused the jury."

Attorneys in the courtroom who learned of Judge Matsch's decision told the Gazette privately that they were appalled.

One reason the experts were surprised was that in earlier testimony, the government put Michael and Lori Fortier on the stand.

The Fortiers, admitted former drug addicts, told the jury that they had lied to the government consistently for weeks about the bombing until they entered into plea deals with the government.

After being given immunity, the two changed their stories and implicated their old friend and house guest, Timothy McVeigh.

While Lori Fortier escaped any prison time in her deal with authorities, her husband faces 23 years for his role in transporting stolen firearms, lying to the FBI and failing to tell authorities about the plot to bomb the federal building.

Michael Fortier could receive a substantial reduction in prison time though, in return for his testimony.

In contrast to that treatment of the prosecution witnesses, Ms. Howe had not sought or received immunity from the government and was willing to testify about meetings she had with members of the White Aryan Resistance-- a neo-Nazi group which Howe was paid to infiltrate.

During the fall of 1994 and spring of 1995, Howe told her handler, Angela Findley of the BATF, that members of the group were planning to bomb federal buildings in Oklahoma.

Later Howe told the government that the Oklahoma City federal building was one of the targets chosen by the group's leaders, Andreas Strassmeir and Dennis Mahon.

But barring Howe's reports and testimony from the jury may provide ammunition for an appeal if the jury convicts McVeigh, defense attorneys believe.

In other matters Tuesday, testimony was received from Supervisory Special Agent Frederic Whitehurst about the sloppy conditions at the FBI's explosive lab at the time of the Oklahoma City bombing.

Under questioning by the defense, Whitehurst pointed out that procedures at the crime lab at the time of the bombing were lax, unwritten and in his opinion, sloppy.

Whitehurst's allegations led to an investigation into the FBI laboratory's conduct and set into motion several major changes.

After Whitehurst's allegations were investigated, the government removed several FBI employees who had worked on the Oklahoma City bombing case.

Whitehurst himself was suspended in the aftermath of the investigation.

That suspension has since become the focus of Senate investigators who believe the FBI retaliated improperly against the "whistleblower."

Whitehurst told the court that McVeigh's clothing was shipped improperly and could have been exposed to contamination which he believed was present in the lab.

Whitehurst also said that conclusions regarding explosives residues found on McVeigh's clothing could have come from sources such as pharmaceutical medicines or ammunition purchased in retail outlets.

In earlier testimony, the government put on co-workers of Whitehurst who said that the residues could only have come from an explosive component they believe was used in the bomb.

While careful to protect the integrity of one of those co-workers, Whitehurst told the court that a critical piece of evidence found at the crime scene had crystals of ammonium nitrate that should have been there under such conditions.

That critical evidence-- a piece of the Ryder truck located at the scene-- supposedly showed signs of crystalized ammonium nitrate.

However, Whitehurst said that it was a mystery to him how such a piece of evidence could have been found.

Whitehurst said weather conditions in Oklahoma City would have turned the crystals to water in minutes and never survived long enough for his lab partner to have discovered them days after the bombing.

Under cross-examination, Whitehurst would not go so far as to say he believed the evidence had been faked by someone at the lab.

The defense rested its case today.

THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK

From the Daily Oklahoman:

Key Pursues Inquiry Despite Sacrifices to Reputation

05/26/1997

By Diana Baldwin

Staff Writer

State Rep. Charles Key's colleagues don't view him as a conspiracy theorist or a right-wing, anti-government advocate. They call him honorable, honest and tenacious.

Others wonder whether he is driven to find the truth or motivated by profit.

Key, R-Oklahoma City, is circulating petitions calling for a county grand jury to investigate the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. He accuses the federal government of a cover-up.

Rep. Charles Gray, D-Oklahoma City, said, "I don't think he is a right-wing nut at all. I think he has his genuine concern. He is not a right-wing kook of any sorts."

Carolyn Coleman, R-Moore, said, "He is a man of integrity, a man of principles. He is honest in all of his dealings."

Rep. Tim Pope, R-Mustang, said, "Charles doesn't do anything for his own purposes. He does it for the good of the cause. In this particular case, the case of truth."

Attorney General Drew Edmondson is questioning Key's attempt to raise money for an Oklahoma County grand jury investigation.

"Patriot" movement followers across the country support Key. The Oklahoma City lawmaker can be heard on shortwave right-wing talk shows such as "Chuck Harder's For the People," and at anti-government gatherings like the "Preparedness '97" conference being held this weekend in Tulsa.

The lawmaker and Hoppy Heidelberg, a Blanchard resident removed from a federal grand jury investigating the bombing, are scheduled to speak. Heidelberg was dropped from the grand jury Oct. 24, 1995, after he disclosed jury secrets and complained about prosecutors. He talked to a writer for the right-wing magazine Media Bypass.

Michigan militia figure Mark Koernke also is scheduled to speak.

JDT Commentary: My goodness, is ole "2% Mark" still being paid to scare little old ladies with Red Dawn-Black Helicopter tales at Expos? (Explanation for the uninitiated: Koernke was dubbed "2%" because of the accuracy rate of his "intelligence" prognostications.) How embarrassing for him, the Expos and the Constitutional Militia movement that he is still perceived as a spokesman.

Key is the topic of messages posted on Internet sites that discuss the belief that the federal government had prior knowledge of the Oklahoma City bombing -- and may even have been involved in the act, which claimed the lives of 168 people.

He has a page on the World Wide Web explaining his beliefs and has hired a public relations consultant to promote his cause.

Key has produced a video claiming the federal government had prior knowledge of the April 19, 1995, explosion. It is sold through the mail and at right-wing gatherings such as the "Restore Our Constitution" convention last year in Atlanta, Ga., with other propaganda that fuels deep distrust of the government.

Rep. Deborah Blackburn, D-Oklahoma City, who lives 16 blocks north of ground zero, called Key and his efforts inappropriate. The downtown legislator said she is offended by his actions.

"The idea that the government blew up its own people, that goes right into the mentality of those who blew it up," Blackburn said.

JDT Commentary: Precisely, but that is perhaps not what Ms. Blackburn meant. In any case, Key and Wilburn are not suggesting that the administration and its ATF hirelings blew up the building intentionally. They are suggesting that the ATF/FBI were incompetent in encouraging others to blow it up (through their provocateur Mr. Strassmeir) yet were unable to complete the sting before the neo-Nazis slipped one by them. They are also suggesting that the administration is guilty of a huge coverup. Opponents of the grand jury have always mischaracterized this in order to discredit the entire notion of government complicity. The argument of which is more repugnant-- to have actively blown up the building in a "Reichstag Fire" incident or to pay others to do it and cover up your complicity later-- will be judged by history and by God, if not by the courts.

Don Kinnamon, D-Stroud, executive majority House leader, said, "(Key) is different from any other member out here. He always has weird ideas anti-government-type ideas."

Ron Kirby, D-Lawton, said, "I wonder if he hasn't gone too far. These theories can crop up anywhere. They can always read something in it."

"I don't believe in black helicopters or the government is putting a computer chip in my head."

JDT Commentary: Fear not, Bro. Kirby, the government would not put a computer chip in your head. It apparently does not need to.

But those close to Key argue he is a man on a mission.

"The bombing investigation has him fired up," said Rep. Dan Webb, R-Oklahoma City. "He is one of those who burns until he gets what he thinks are the facts."

"He is like what I call a starved animal looking for something that is worthwhile. Not just to consume anything that comes along, but if something offered true nutrients."

In addition to the theory that the federal government had prior knowledge of the bombing, Key believes an ammonium nitrate truck bomb parked outside the federal building could not have caused such extensive damage.

Key wants Timothy McVeigh, 29, and Terry Nichols, 42, convicted for the bombing. But he also is adamant there is a John Doe 2 and others involved in the bombing and that they can be identified. Key claims his own investigation turned up 20 witnesses who saw McVeigh with someone else in Oklahoma City and Kansas on the day of the bombing.

McVeigh is on trial in Denver. Nichols is expected to stand trial later. And both are expected to stand trial in Oklahoma County District Court after federal prosecution.

Key's battle for another investigation began two months after the bombing. His original request for an Oklahoma County grand jury was turned down by Oklahoma County District Judge Dan Owens. The decision was then overturned on appeal. Key began circulating petitions April 17.

The lawmaker doesn't want Oklahoma County District Attorney Bob Macy advising the grand jury because he believes the prosecutor will rubber-stamp the federal government's case.

Key also doesn't want the attorney general's office to advise the grand jury, nor does he want Edmondson to appoint a special prosecutor. Key claims the attorney general cannot be fair. The lawmaker wants the Oklahoma Supreme Court to appoint a legal adviser for the grand jury, but Macy said that is not the law.

Macy said, "This is not Rep. Key's grand jury. Although my office will be required to serve as legal counsel, it will not be my grand jury. It will be Oklahoma County's grand jury, which will take its direction from the foreman appointed by the judge and the grand jury members."

Key says his family, business, church, and possibly, his political career have suffered from his intense bombing investigation campaign. Still, the legislator will argue he made the right decision.

Key, 43, denies making money from his bombing campaign. He claims he has lost money and that he has closed his insurance agency.

The lawmaker admits he has made "easily over 100" speeches about his theories. Although, he said he only made \$200 on one occasion.

"This is an emotional issue with me when I have been attacked and accused of making money ," Key said.

"If anything, I have suffered financially, not to mention other ways. It is dominating my time. It is a daily part of whatever I do."

Janice Key, the legislator's wife, admits her three children have had to learn what it is like to have a single parent, something she said she isn't cut out to be.

"It is difficult," she said.

The middle one cries when his dad leaves on a trip because he does not want him to go, she said.

"When he is here, he is here in body and not in spirit," Janice Key said. "His mind is elsewhere or else he is dog tired. When you are so absorbed, it takes a toll in a lot of ways."

Ken Blood, a friend and leader of the county grand jury petition drive, said, "Regardless of what the appearances are, he really has lost a lot pursuing what is the truth here. I have seen a man really struggle with what price is he willing to pay in order to pursue something that the cost is extremely high."

At times, Key's office on the fifth floor of the state Capitol is a hub for bombing investigation activity. Like many legislators, he runs to the floor just in time to cast his vote.

On one particular workday this month in his Capitol office, there was a supporter from Texas who had just pulled into town to help circulate petitions for a week.

On another day, bombing videos were in Key's desk, grand jury petitions occupied an end table, a public fund-raising letter was tucked in a file drawer. Copies of a report supporting the lawmaker's theories were stacked in the corner, another was in a desk drawer.

A gift basket of food, plus calls from supporters and bombing-related media interviews added to Key's distractions.

The lawmaker denies his attention to the bombing affects his ability to take care of legislative business. He claims he "shifted personal business concerns" so he can spend "more full time with the bombing investigation."

Key missed two days of legislative sessions during April and one in May. He also said he had missed one day in February.

The lawmaker said he couldn't disclose what he was doing on two of those days, but he acknowledged all of his absences were connected to his bombing investigation activities.

The House Journal reflects that April 9, Key missed 28 votes. He said he was in Fort Worth speaking to a business group about the Oklahoma City bombing.

Key said he was out of state April 30 and May 1.

"I can't tell you what this was," Key said, "but it will come out later."

The legislator said his help was needed, that he had to meet with some other people.

On May 1, the lawmaker missed the House vote on the merger between state-owned University Hospital and for-profit Columbia Presbyterian Hospital. The House voted 68-24 to approve House Bill 1644.

Key said he also missed one day at the Legislature in February, and he could not talk about that absence either, he said.

Also during April, Key missed an occasional vote one April 14, two April 15 and four April 16. In the days leading up to the second bombing anniversary, Key was interviewed locally and by radio stations and other media throughout the country.

On April 24, he missed one vote.

Meanwhile, Key's failure to take care of a speeding ticket resulted in his Oklahoma driver's license being suspended. The lawmaker said he drove without a valid license from March 14 until May 9 when it was reinstated.

Key received the speeding ticket Nov. 18 in Tallahassee, Fla. He and his family were en route home after a weeklong Caribbean cruise. Key's expenses on the cruise were paid because he was a speaker on his bombing theories.

The traffic ticket cost \$151. He paid a \$50 reinstatement fee.

Failure to attend to his personal insurance business caused Key to resign from the American National Property and Casualty insurance company April 28, he said. His insurance office at 5400 NW 23 is closed.

Company officials said policy owners complained because Key could not be reached at his office and that he failed to promptly return telephone calls.

"I got tired of fighting it taking one hat off and putting another one on," Key said.

Key admitted he had received complaints. The resignation was voluntary, he said.

Warren Pakulski, vice president of marketing at American National Property and Casualty, said he didn't know the number of complaints Key received over the last six weeks.

Key remains a licensed insurance agent in good standing. He plans to sell life and health insurance out of his home.

Key's campaign for signatures to call a county grand jury was delayed May 7 when he was ordered to appear before a state multicounty grand jury to face questions about possible violation of the Oklahoma Solicitation Act.

The law requires fund-raisers to register with the attorney general's office, which Key had failed to do. Also, Edmondson questions if Key's private fund-raising letter is misleading or fraudulent.

The attorney general even issued a warning to the public that the money will not be going to the Oklahoma County grand jury but to Key.

The lawmaker said he was not aware of the solicitation law -- although the lawmaker voted in 1994 for House Bill 2210, which transferred the registration responsibilities from the Oklahoma Tax Commission to the attorney general. Key also voted in favor of the solicitation bill in 1991.

Key filed registration papers with the attorney general May 13, eight days after he was subpoenaed to appear at the state inquiry.

The document states that the Oklahoma County Grand Jury and Bombing Investigation Fund was established April 7. However, the questionable solicitation letter, asking for donations to be sent to this fund, is dated March 12.

The Republican legislator claims the Democratic attorney general's motives are political and the probe amounts to malicious prosecution.

Key said the Oklahoma County Grand Jury and Bombing Investigation Fund is created and administered by him to purchase government documents, hire a private investigator and fund other expenses related to the investigation.

The lawmaker was ordered to turn over additional financial documents Friday. However, Edmondson on Friday extended the deadline until Tuesday.

The state grand jury recessed after hearing testimony from Key and Blood. Its next meeting is July 30.

The attorney general's investigation was initiated after a reporter from The Oklahoman made inquiries about the seven-page solicitation letter. The letter is posted on the Internet and was mailed to 300 households.

Deadline for the county grand jury petition drive is June 2.

Blood said volunteers will get the needed 5,000 signatures. However, he said, "We're playing catch-up with our time right now. We lost a week when the attorney general called us in."

Blood estimates there is "a tremendous percent" of registered voters in the county who want answers to their questions.

"That is what the government is supposed to be," Blood said. "Unless, we no longer have the right to ask these questions anymore."

Key has taken a lot of criticism over his video, "Oklahoma City: What Really Happened?" He has repeatedly denied making money from the bombing tapes.

The legislator said he turned to producing the video after Glen Johnson, then-House speaker, refused to appoint a House oversight committee to investigate the bombing.

Key said he put up \$1,500 for marketing. He has gotten his money back. Chuck Allen, a friend and producer of the video, said he put up \$17,000 for production costs. He lacks \$902.79 in recouping on his investment, said Brian Cheatwood, an Oklahoma City public accountant for Verity Inc.

Verity Inc. is a Norman company formed by Key and Allen six months after the bombing, Key said. Verity stands for truth, Allen said.

Opportunity Productions, Inc., in Enid, duplicated 6,199 videos between Aug. 15, 1995, and May 15, said Vince Sheik, president and chief operating officer.

The video sells for \$19.95 retail, and a 24-page booklet is an additional \$4. Although, the videos were sold at a range of wholesale prices. Key claims about 1,000 of the videos were given to the media and interested people. Members of the House of Representatives also received a free copy .

Cheatwood said through Dec. 31 , the corporation's gross sales reached \$55,473.41. Expenses were \$54,909.16, giving a \$564.25 profit.

The expense figure includes \$2,000 paid to each Key and Allen.

"Basically, they have just produced this video and sold it, but at this point they have not made any money," Cheatwood said. "Probably when it is all said and done, this corporation will have retained earning through '96 of \$456.30."

The lawmaker's 1995 state and federal income tax returns do not reflect Key made money on the videos. The legislator said he has not filed his 1996 taxes but obtained a deadline extension.

His joint 1995 federal income tax return lists his legislative salary at \$32,502. His insurance business income was \$13,345 with a \$4,007 loss. He had to pay \$200.

The lawmaker received a \$137 refund from the state in 1995.

Key is called a constitutionalist. Many times the legislation he introduces and supports is considered to fall outside the mainstream.

He said his filings are subjects that interest him rules and procedures, criminal justice and constitutional issues.

In 1995, the lawmaker pushed a 10th Amendment Resolution that would have prohibited the federal government from infringing on the rights of the state and the people. It would have limited federal government mandates on states.

"The 10th Amendment says you have stepped out of our constitutional boundaries," Key said. "The 10th Amendment resolution is not anti-government. It is just saying there is a framework in which we operate under."

The resolution passed the House but was not heard in the Senate.

Key also proposed a State Sovereignty Act that would have allowed Oklahoma to collect federal taxes on income, gasoline and alcohol, and place the tax receipts in short-term escrow, providing additional revenue for the state.

For three years, Key pushed a jury nullification or "fully informed jury" bill that would have allowed juries to vote their conscience -- to judge the law as well as the facts when reaching their verdicts.

Key said the measure would allow people to maintain their freedoms and have control over the government.

The bill passed the House twice but died both years in the Senate. Key attempted to have the bill introduced this year, but it was not heard by the House committee chairman.

In the two years since the April 19 bombing of Oklahoma City's federal building, the nation has undergone a crash course in the anti-government ideologies of militias, Freemen, tax protesters and other right-wing extremists.

When Key repeatedly appears at gatherings of such extremists, some have a hard time separating him from the patriot movement advocates. Key denies he is part of the common law court, anti-government or militia groups. Still, the lawmaker is the target of name-calling.

Key said, "It has been hell a lot of times. I didn't say the government is liars and cheats. I am not saying the FBI is crooked or corrupt.

"I didn't say the ATF, I didn't say Drew Edmondson or Governor Keating or anyone else is a bunch of untrustworthy, low-life blankety, blankety, whatever you want to fill in.

"I said the facts. What have they done?"

Blood calls Key's bombing involvement political suicide.

"It creates the image that he is a nut," Blood said. "Labels are too easy to be attached and not easy to be taken off. But he has been willing to pay that price.

"The perception is there. The messenger becomes the question instead of the message becoming the question."

Key's political career appears to be safe until the end of this term in 1998. He won his western Oklahoma City district by 75 percent last August.

The lawmaker said the results of his House District 90 race is proof that people, at least in his district, aren't concerned about his bombing investigation. He is serving his sixth term representing the area where he grew up.

Key wants the government to be accountable for its actions -- not just in the bombing investigation, but in every incident.

"What is wrong with that?" the lawmaker asked.

Bill Day, Key's minister at the Northwest Church of Christ, doesn't understand why everyone isn't willing to hear all the information. Day's sister, Diana Day, was killed in the bombing. She was Key's secretary when he first was elected to the Legislature.

"If there is something to find out, let's find it out," Day said. "To attack him the way he's been attacked kind of indicates to me that there is probably something going on."

Key's life would be different today if he had never asked that first question about the bombing. Still, he would make the same decision a second time.

"That is fine I chose to do it," Key said. "I still choose to do it.

"I am anti-bad government. I am anti-corrupt government ... but I am not anti-government.

"So much of this shocks our system. It shocks our senses of how things are and that is why I think there is such a backlash, such a reaction by some because they don't want to face this."

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